



Adventures in Faith

Palm Sunday

Hi families,

Welcome to our next 'Adventures in Faith' resource - Palm Sunday. I hope this inspire you to explore this story at home.

This links to our 'Palm Sunday' clip on the Youtube channel so do head on down there and check it out.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe3BIPwldoxgGCKL7Fi4Ibw>



I'd love to hear your feedback, stories and see anythings that the children have made.

Sharon

Connection

We're coming up to Easter - a special time for Christians. What can you remember about Easter? This story is about what happened the week before Easter and it has a donkey in it. Can you remember riding a donkey? (Maybe find out a photo of your child on a donkey if they have).

Tell the story

The story is taken from Matthew chapter 21. You can find this together in your Bible or tell it from a picture Bible.

Matthew 21 International Children's Bible (ICB)

Jesus Enters Jerusalem as a King

21 Jesus and his followers were coming closer to Jerusalem. But first they stopped at Bethphage at the hill called the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two of his followers into the town. 2 He said to them, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a donkey tied there with its colt. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, tell him, 'The Master needs them. He will send them back soon.'" 4 This was to make clear the full meaning of what the prophet said:

5 "Tell the people of Jerusalem,

Your king is coming to you.

He is gentle and riding on a donkey.

He is on the colt of a donkey." **Isaiah 62:11; Zechariah 9:9**

6 The followers went and did what Jesus told them to do. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt to Jesus. They laid their coats on the donkeys, and Jesus sat on them. 8 Many people spread their coats on the road before Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Some of the people were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. All the people were shouting, "Praise [a] to the Son of David!

God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord! **Psalms 118:26**

Praise to God in heaven!"

10 Then Jesus went into Jerusalem. The city was filled with excitement. The people asked, "Who is this man?"

11 The crowd answered, "This man is Jesus. He is the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee."

Explore the story

What do you notice in this story? What can you discuss? Why did Jesus choose a donkey? How did He know the donkey was there? Why did all the people cheer? Can the children retell the story themselves? Maybe acting it out, using toys as characters or just looking at some pictures.

Reflection

The Jews at the time of Jesus thought that He would become a military leader and release them from the rule of the Romans. This wasn't the case however they did correctly recognise that He came to bring freedom. Jesus is the King of Kings and the King of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Imagine knowing the King of heaven? Imagine Jesus comes to stand before you dressed like a King. What do you say to Him? What do you ask Him?

Prayer

As we recognise that Jesus is the King of Kings our response should be to worship Him.

What words can you think of to say to Jesus to Praise and worship Him? It may help to have a sentence to think of such as... Thank you Jesus that you are... mighty, king, all powerful etc. Add your own.

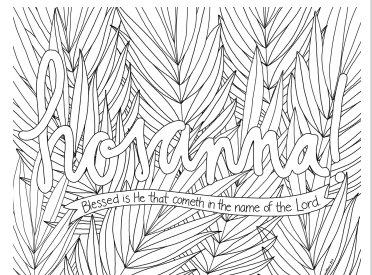
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- You could make a crown out of card or paper and fix together to go on your child's head. Stick the pictures to the crown and as you do say a prayer.
- Make a palm leaf using the picture below or taking a branch from your garden. Say a line of your prayer then wave the branch and shout 'Hosanna!' Repeat! This is a great one for letting off energy, especially if you do it in your garden and add movement.

Activities

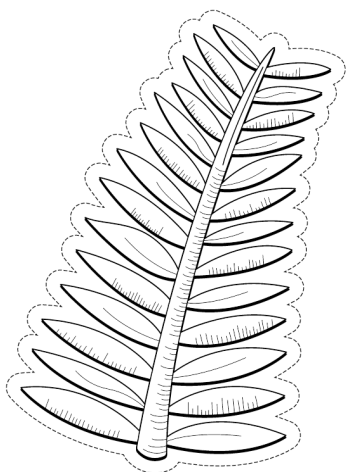
- Act out the story using items from your house as props and clothing
- Colour a Hosanna banner and put it on your window for others to enjoy
- Make the 3D pictures of the children waving palms - colour and fold the picture along the dotted lines
- Complete a word search or maze
- Using your recycling make a junk model of Jerusalem with a 'gate' to go through and Jesus and a donkey.



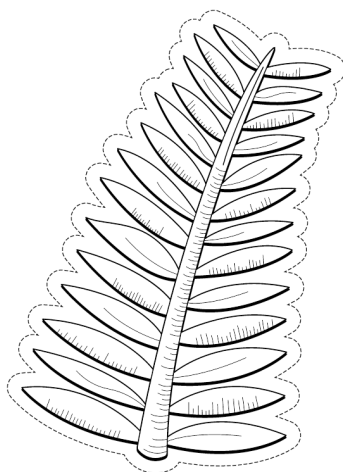
Faith in everyday life

- As you do 'life' together this week look for opportunities to praise God for who He is - maybe looking at the stars at night or the trees and plants in the garden. Maybe by trying different fruit and vegetables and tasting them and praising God for the rarity of taste and textures.

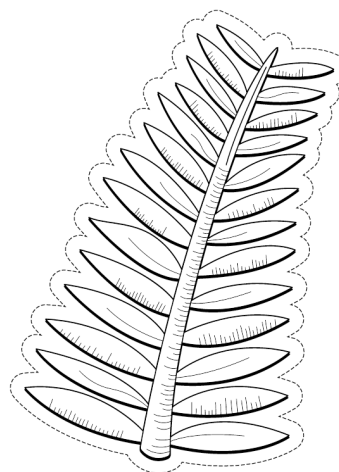
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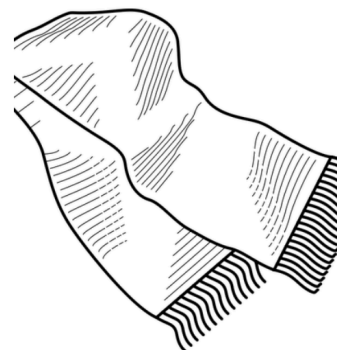
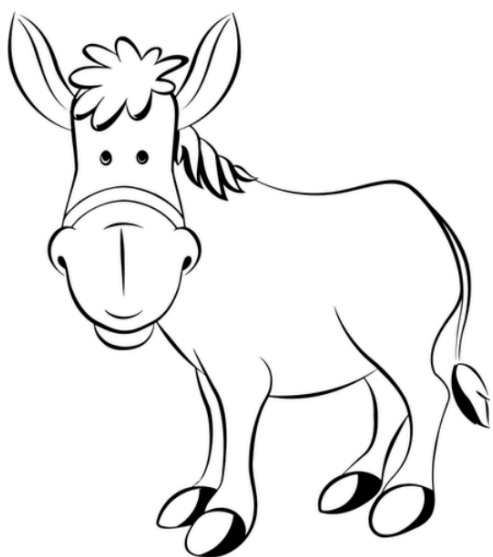
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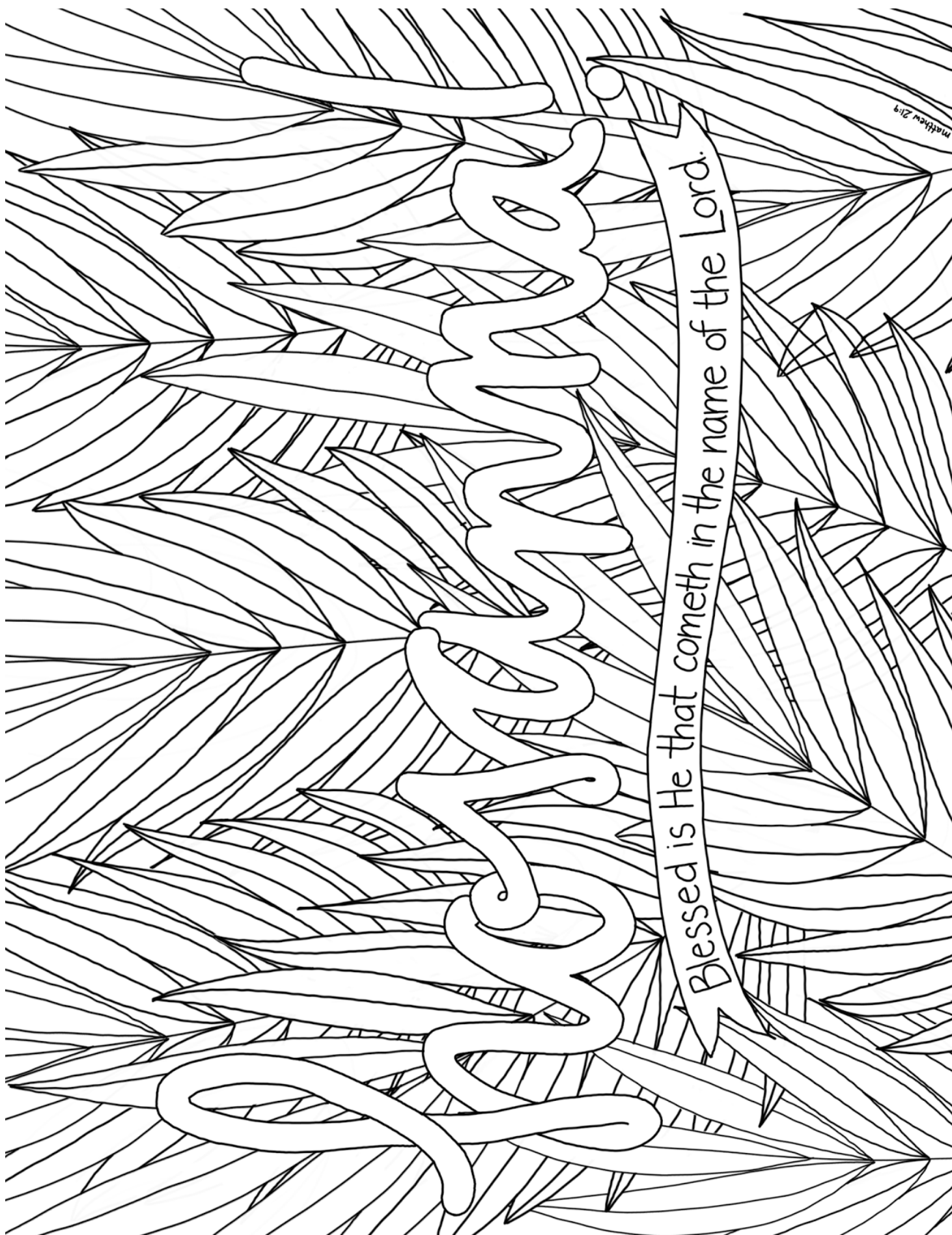


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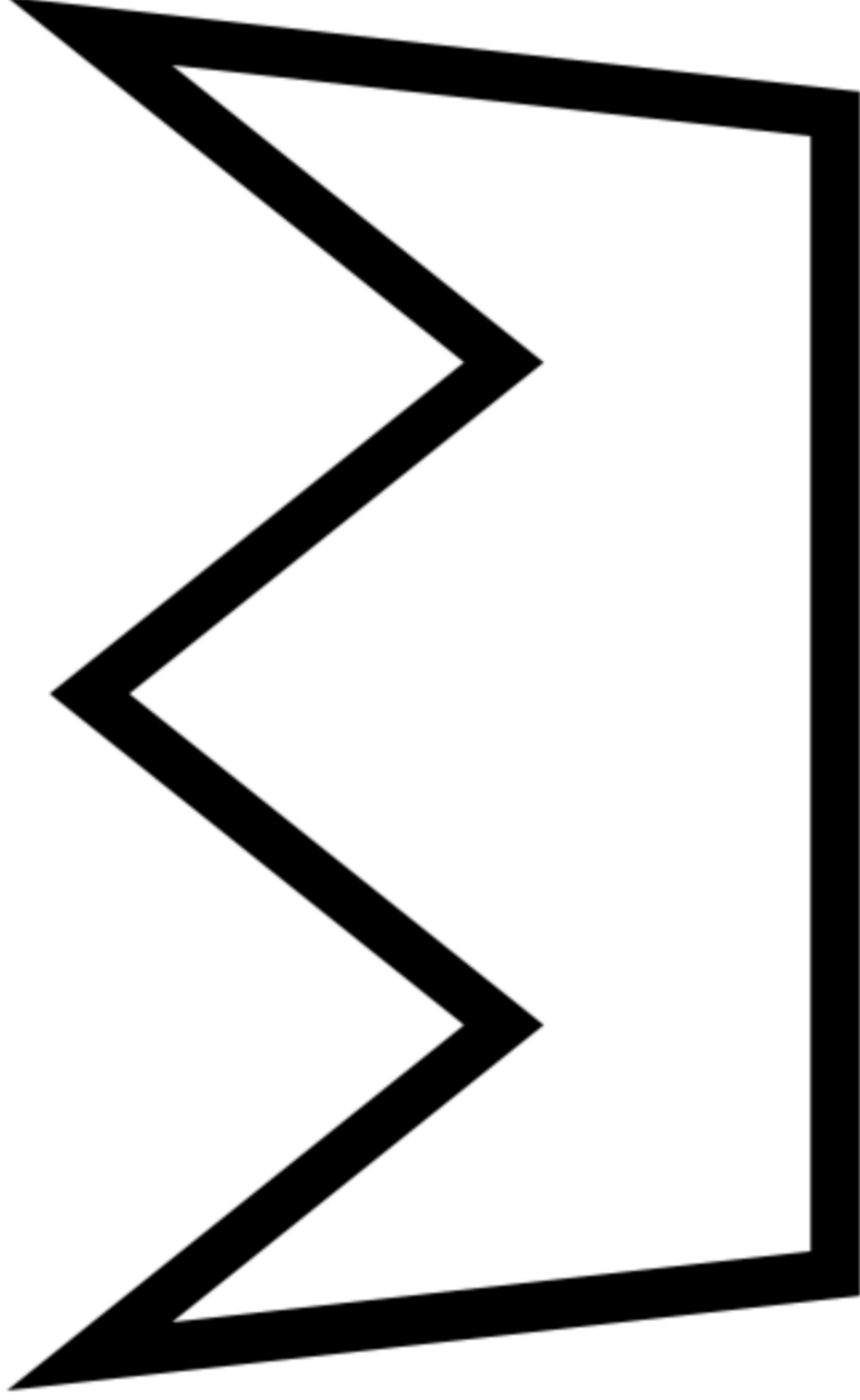
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 21:9

Prayer

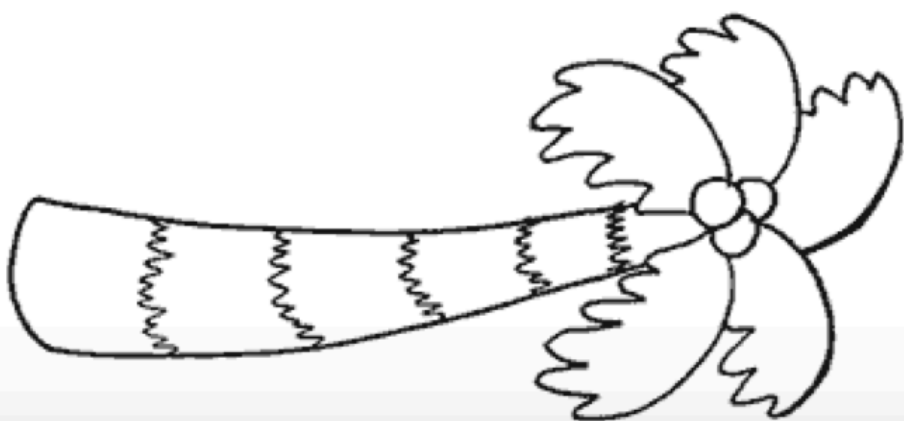
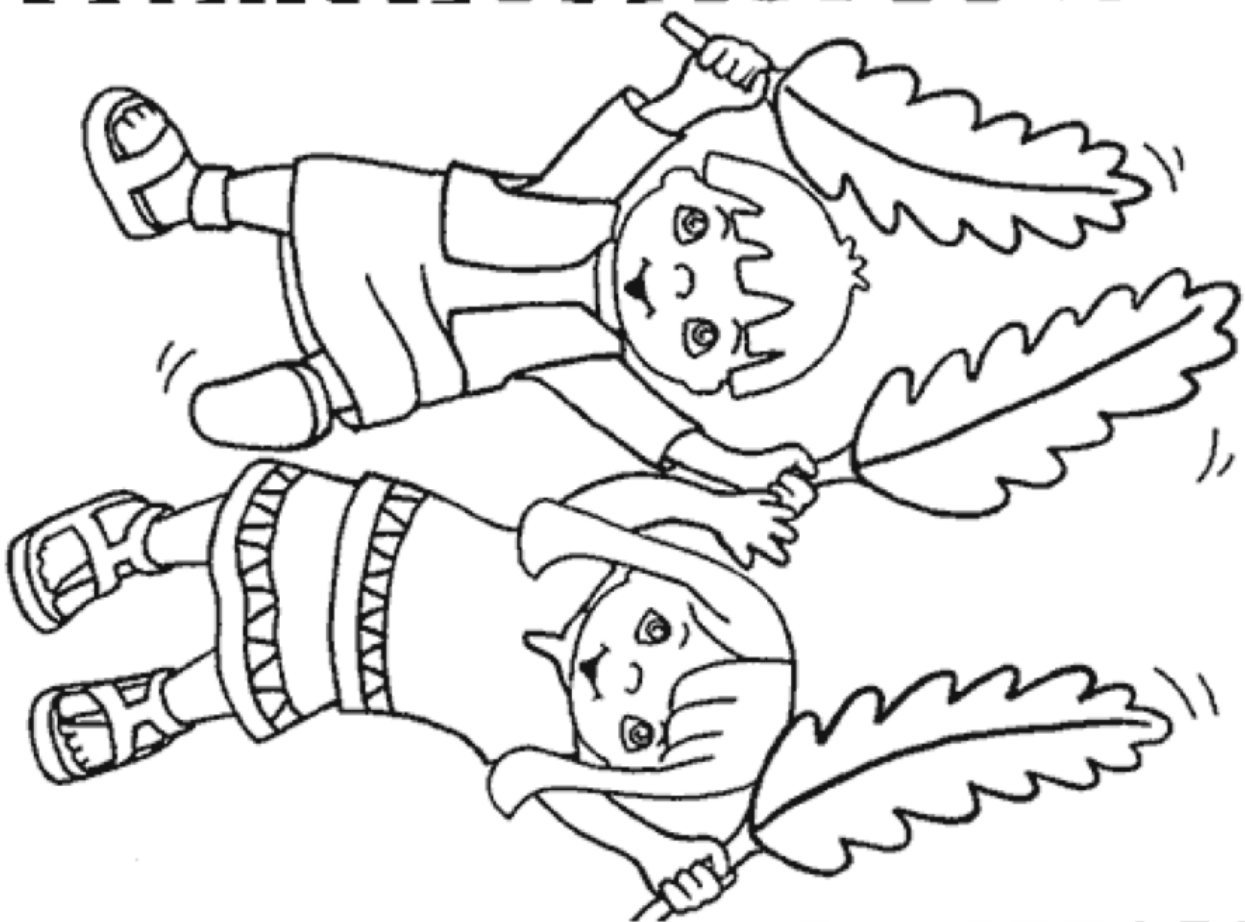
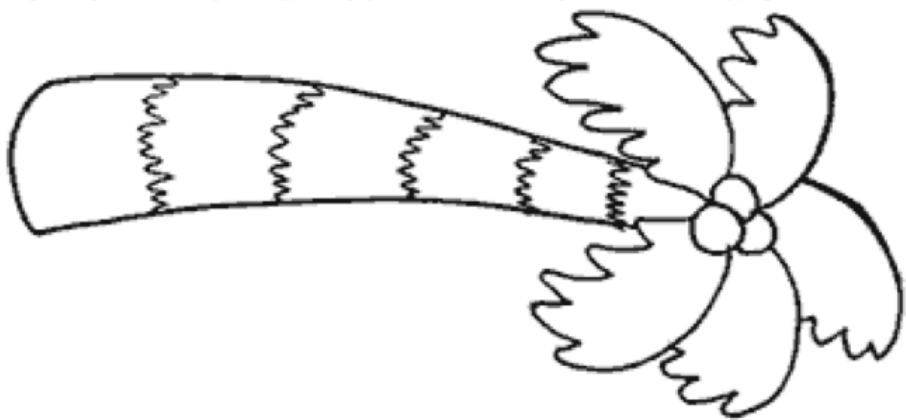
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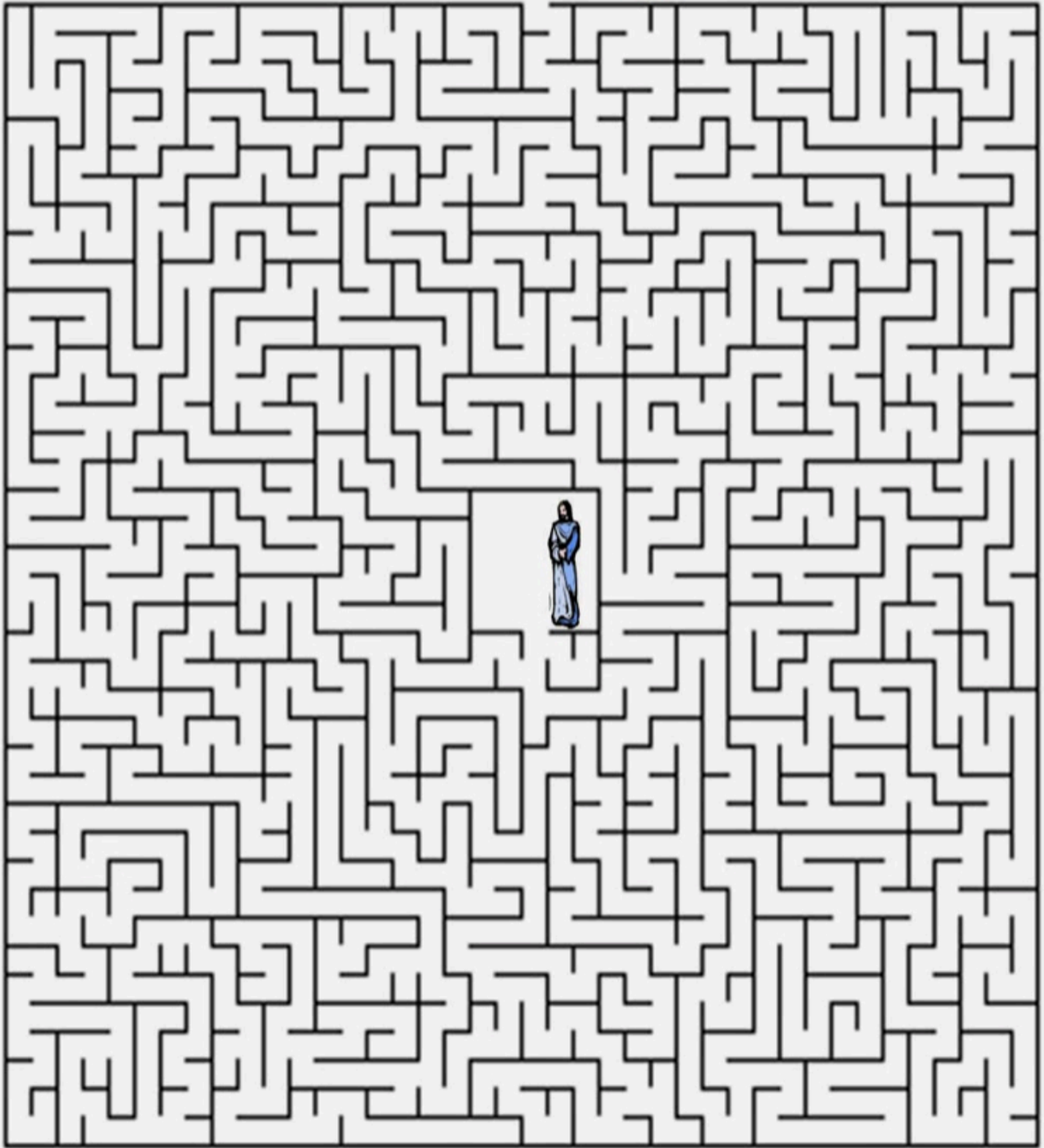
Hosanna!

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



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Find the
Hidden Word

Word Bank

Jerusalem
Disciples
Village
Donkey
Master
Jesus
Cloaks
People
Road
Hosanna
David
Palm
Olives
Glory
Colt





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